EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION
MAY 28, 2012

To be received and placed on file:

The Executive Council report describes the discussions and actions taken in 9 meetings held from September 2012 to April 30, 2013.

Each Executive Council meeting included a report from Chair Jose Wudka on issues reviewed at Academic Council Meetings, the Chancellor’s Cabinet meetings, and other critical issues raised by the faculty or the administration. Chair Wudka also gave regular updates on the various subcommittees on which he serves in his capacity as the Chair of the Senate.

Issues considered and/or actions taken by the Executive Council include the following:

- Conflict of Interest Statements - Approved the Executive Council’s Conflict of Interest statement as well as the Conflict of Interest statements from all the Senate Committees.
- By-laws - Reviewed and clarified the rights and authority of the Executive Council as specified in the by-laws.
- Master of Finance in the School of Business Administration - Executive Council unanimously approved the self-supporting Master of Finance in the School of Business Administration. It was confirmed, by Rules and Jurisdiction, that 1) the Executive Council can act on behalf of the Division to approve the proposal, and 2) there was no need to re-route the modified document to other Senate standing committees in advance of an Executive Council vote.
- Senate Bill 520 and 547 - State Senate Pro Tem Steinberg and Senator Block have proposed bills SB 520 and SB 547 that, if enacted, would negatively affect the University of California by weakening the control of the faculty over curricular matters. Both of these bills involve online education, with the first giving a prominent role to for-profit companies with expertise in online delivery methods. Though the bills have been amended in response to criticisms - especially form the UC Senate - their impact on the UC has not been mitigated. The UCR Division opposes both bills and has adopted a campus position
- Composite Rate Benefits – Various committees and the Executive Council considered the many proposed rate plan schemes. The Systemwide Senate is lobbying forcefully to work with the Administration to determine a composite benefit rate that will not have a detrimental impact on faculty research.
- Priority Registration – The Executive Council advised the Committee on Educational Policy regarding generation of a campus policy on priority registration. It was agreed that ownership of any policy created rests with the Academic Senate, and specifically with the Committee on Educational Policy.
• Lab Safety - Labs within all UCs’ Departments of Chemistry and Biochemistry had to adopt the new safety procedures by January 11, with complete roll out by January 18. After January 18th, labs may be told to shut down if the new rules have not been implemented. At the individual campus level, the RISC (Research Integrated Safety Committee) has been tasked with implementing the guidelines created by OP to all remaining labs, including both teaching and research labs, though the timeline for full campus implementation has not yet been determined.

• Campus Health Care Facilitators – The Executive Council discussed the new benefit service delivery model and expressed concern that our campus opted not to continue funding for our Health Care Facilitators. The Committee on Faculty Welfare will work with administration to determine if an interim plan of implementation can be arranged.

• Earle Anthony Graduate Student Travel Award - For the first time the Academic Senate awarded Earle Anthony travel grants to graduate students in select areas (primarily the stem fields) during the 2011-2012 academic year. The process was difficult to administer because of system limitations within the Senate. The Executive Council agreed to transfer administration of the award to the Graduate Division. The Senate will maintain a role in selecting award recipients via the Fellowship Subcommittee of the Graduate Council.

• University Club - The Executive Council continues to engage the Administration in discussions of a Faculty University Club, emphasizing the need for a place for faculty to host guests as well as for faculty meeting space.

• Campus Salary Equity Report - Each campus was tasked with developing a plan to implement its own study to determine if discrepancies between the salaries of male and female faculty.

• Lecturers with Security of Employment - Chair Wudka intends to work on an APM change to the title of “Lecturer with Security of Employment.”

• Impacted Courses - The Executive Council discussed the issue of impacted majors and impacted courses on the Riverside campus. It was determined that a root cause of impaction is an issue of resources rather than curricula. The Committee on Educational Policy is examining existing and potential new policies intended to manage impacted courses.

• Campus Safety Task Force – Chair Wudka reports that the Administration has convened a task force to examine campus safety. The task force includes wide Senate representation.

• Smoke/Tobacco Free UCR – A steering committee with broad representation from throughout the campus will help UCR prepare for the new smoke/tobacco free campus policy.

• UC Online Education Meeting – There was considerable discussion of Online Education during several Executive Council meetings with several representatives from Riverside attending the “University of California All-Campus Working Meeting Innovative Learning Technology Initiative” at UC Irvine. The Academic Senate will continue to be heavily involved in all issues related to Online Education

The Executive Council reviewed and approved the following campus namings:

• Coil Atrium at the Culver Center
• Krieger Family Laboratory at Chung Hall in the Bourns College of Engineering.
The Executive Council received the following Legislative requests:

- **EN4.1.1.6 - Bourns College of Engineering Bylaws:**
  The Executive Council responded with suggested revisions to the proposal submitted by the College of Engineering. The College of Engineering subsequently rescinded its request for changes.

- **8.20.1 - Committee on Research Bylaws:**
  The Executive Council received the bylaws, had no questions and the change was forwarded to the Division for approval.

- **8.23.1 – Undergraduate Admissions Bylaws:**
  The bylaw change was received by Executive Council and forwarded to the Division for a vote.

- **8.25.22 and 8.25.4.1 – The Committee on University Extension:**
  The Executive Council had several questions for the Committee on University Extension (UNEX). UNEX is considering revisions to the originally submitted bylaw change.

- **8.28 – Committee on Memorial Resolutions:**
  The Committee on Committees submitted a request for a new standing senate committee, the Committee on Memorial Resolutions. At the request of the Committee on Committees, the new bylaw was approved by the Executive Council in lieu of the being presented for a vote at the next Division meeting, which was greater than 30 days away.

- **R6.3 and R6.4 – Campus Graduation Requirements:**
  The Regulation was received by the Executive Council and forwarded for final approval at the spring Division Meeting

- **School of Business Administration:**
  The bylaws for the School of Business Administration were received by Executive Council and subsequently approved at the winter Division Meeting

- **Guidelines for Admission by Exception, Supplemental Criteria:**
  The Exception policy was received by Executive Council and subsequently approved at the winter Division Meeting.

- **Petition by the School of Medicine to use a Pass/Fail grading system:**
  The petition was received and approved by the Executive Council, and has been forwarded for a final approving vote at the spring Division Meeting.

- **UCR calendar through 2023:**
  After a thorough discussion and review of the proposed UCR Academic Calendar through the year 2023, the Executive Council determined it needed additional information before formal approval.

**Items from Systemwide:**

The following are items received from the Systemwide Academic Senate that were reviewed by the Executive Council:

- **UCOP Draft Policy on International Activities - Select standing committees reviewed the proposed revision to an existing policy. The main elements of the changes were the transferring of many of the systemwide approval authorities to each campus Chancellor.**
• Open Access Policy - The Executive Council met twice to discuss the Open Access Policy (OAP) proposed by the University Committee on Library and Scholarly Communication (UCOLASC) and hosted a campus forum to provide information to faculty. While recognizing deficiencies in the policy, Council unanimously supports the universal unhindered access and dispersion of knowledge.

• Report and Recommendation Report from the Re-benching Budget Committee - The consensus of Executive Council was that the Rebenching proposal presents a very desirable paradigm, but that without a clear scheduled implementation plan it opens the possibility of it being adopted as an ideal goal, while tacitly recognizing that it will never be achieved, thereby indefinitely perpetuating current funding inequalities. Without an implementation plan it is impossible to fully evaluate the proposal or support it enthusiastically.

• Report from the Taskforce on Negotiated Salary Plan - Select standing committees reviewed the proposal for a trial run of implementation of the negotiated salary plan. Though these groups recognize the type of problems this trial program is trying to address, they all expressed concerns about the plan; there was no instance of strong support for it. The main issue with the plan was its potential for creating discipline-specific inequalities among faculty, especially for those areas where extramural funding does not cover salary. A second issue was the lack of clear measures to determine the success or failure of the program, and justification that a 4 year plan was sufficient for reaching a conclusion. The lack of Senate supervision was also of concern.

• UC Undergraduate Financial Aid Funding Options - Executive Council discussed the UC Undergraduate Financial Aid document with a general consensus of all reviewers that of the 3 options presented, option A would be best suited to the needs of our students and the goals of the institution.

• APM 015 - Senate committees reviewed the recommendation to revise the language of Sections 010 and 015 of the APM to include within the protections of academic freedom the freedom to speak on matters of institutional policy or action, whether or not as a member of an agency of institutional governance. Despite some misgivings about the specific wording, Council supports the changes.

• APM 241 - The proposed revisions will bring APM 241 into conformance with Regents Policy and with the Compendium of University-wide Review Processes for Academic Programs, Academic Units, and Research Units.

• APM 430 - is being proposed to develop a new category of visiting scholar appointment, intended for graduate student and similar visitors. Several committee responses were received with the bulk of them indicating approval of the proposal albeit with some concerns.

• APM 600 – The proposed revisions to multiple sections of the APM 600 series are intended to create consistency across campuses and facilitate application to UC Path.

• APM 700 - This is a new presumptive resignation policy intended to address resignation from an appointment due to absence from duty; it does not address dismissal procedures nor does it apply when it is established that an academic appointee is absent due to illness, injury, or disability. It also does not address disciplinary or academic competency matters.
The following visitors were received by the Executive Council:

Jane Conoley, Interim Chancellor
Bracken Dailey, Registrar
Bob Daly, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Strategic Academic Research & Analysis
William Kidder, Assistant Vice Chancellor
Richard Olds, Dean, School of Medicine
James Sandoval, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
Richard Smith, School of Business Administration

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James Baldwin (Nematology), Physical Resources Planning (PRP)
Gregory Beran (Chemistry), Academic Computing & Information Technology
Ward Beyermann (Physics & Astronomy), Educational Policy (CEP)
Jan Blacher (Graduate School of Education), Planning and Budget (P&B)
Sarjeet Gill (Cell Biology & Neuroscience), Academic Personnel (CAP)
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Irving Hendrick (GSOE), Faculty Welfare (FW)
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